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MBFR NEGOTIATIONS

FROM US REP MBFR

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PARM NATO  
SUBJ: MBFR NEGOTIATIONS: DRAFT GUIDANCE FROM 7 JULY SPC MEETING

REF: A) NATO 6548 DTG 071603Z JUL 77  
B) NATO 6547 DTG 071554Z JUL 77

1. WE BELIEVE SPC DRAFT GUIDANCE REPORTED REF A IS EMERGING  
IN AN ACCEPTABLE MANNER. HOWEVER, WE WOULD NOTE ONE REMAINING  
PROBLEM WITH THE AIR MANPOWER SECTION (PARA 2).

2. DELEGATION STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT A FOOTNOTE BE ADDED TO  
PARA 2 OF THE GUIDANCE FOR THE INFORMATION AND CONTINGENCY  
USE OF THE AD HOC GROUP AS FOLLOWS

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BEGIN TEXT

IF THE EAST INQUIRES, THE AHG MAY DESCRIBE THE TIME ENVISAGED  
BETWEEN THE TABLING OF GROUND FORCE DATA AND THAT OF AIR FORCE  
DATA AS BEING A PERIOD OF SEVERAL WEEKS.

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3. THIS FOOTNOTE COULD BE REQUIRED TO RESPOND TO EASTERN QUESTIONS REGARDING THE LENGTH OF TIME THEY WOULD HAVE TO WAIT TO RECEIVE DATA ON ALL FORCES, AIR AND GROUND. INABILITY TO GIVE ANSWER ALONG PROPOSED LINES COULD SERIOUSLY DIMINISH CHANCES OF EASTERN RESPONSE. AT THE SAME TIME THE PROPOSED DELAY SHOULD MEET THE FRG DESIRE NOT TO PUT DOWN ALL DATA TOGETHER.

4. ADDITIONALLY, SUCH A FOOTNOTE COULD MINIMIZE THE POSSIBILITY OF INTRA-ALLIED DISPUTE ON THE MEANING OF THE GUIDANCE. SINCE THE CURRENT LANGUAGE IN NO WAY DESCRIBES WHAT CONDITIONS MUST BE MET PRIOR TO PROCEEDING TO AIR MANPOWER DATA, THE FRG, FOR EXAMPLE, COULD DELAY THE PROCESS BY ACTION IN THE AHG, STATING THAT IT CONSIDERED THAT DISCUSSION OF GROUND FORCE DATA UP TO THAT POINT HAD BEEN INSUFFICIENT.

5. IN LIGHT OF THE VARYING GROUND/AIR COUNTING RULES BETWEEN EAST AND WEST AND THE LARGER DISCREPANCY IN EASTERN AIR FORCE DATA (IN PERCENTAGE TERMS), IT WILL BE ESSENTIAL TO OBTAIN EASTERN AIR FORCE DATA AT AN EARLY STAGE. WITHOUT SUCH DATA, WESTERN INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES WILL BE UNABLE TO PERFORM A THOROUGH ANALYSIS OF THE DISCREPANCY. RESOR

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